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1. SUMMARY: ON NOVEMBER 3 NEW BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER PRESENTED HIS LETTERS OF COMMISSION TO MAKARIOS. MAKARIOS MADE STATEMENT ON HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD RESUMPTION OF TALKS (NO NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS TURKEY DECLARES SHE IS PREPARED TO COMPLY WITH LAST YEAR'S UN RESOLUTIONS). HE ALSO TOOK SWIPTE AT LACK OF RESULTS OF LIFTING OF TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. MOST GREEK CYPRIOT PAPERS NOVEMBER 5 PRAISE MAKARIOS'S STATEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. AS IS HIS CUSTOM, MAKARIOS TOOK OCCASION OF PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS--THIS TIME OF DONALD MCDONALD GORDON, NEW BRITISH HICOMER --
TO MAKE POLICY STATEMENT NOVEMBER 3. IN HIS REMARKS AT CEREMONY, MAKARIOS OUTLINED HIS APPROACH TO QUESTION OF RESUMPTION INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. HE FIRST GAVE HIS IM-
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PRESSION OF TURKEY'S ATTITUDE BY SAYING TURKEY'S "READINESS

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FOR TALKS IS ONLY AIMING AT CREATING A FALSE IMPRESSION DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM (AT UNGA), MISLEADING WORLD OPINION. SHE IS AVOIDING TO SUBMIT CONCERETE PROPOSALS AND THERE IS NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER THAT TURKEY WANTS REAL NEGOTIATIONS."

3. IN FURTHER CASTIGATION OF TURKEY'S POLICY, MAKARIOS SAID "TURKISH ATTITUDE ON CYPRUS PROBLEM HAS BEEN, SO FAR, NEGATIVE AND ONE OF BLACKMAIL... TURKEY IS BLACKMAILING EVEN OWN ALLIES WHENEVER SHE IS ASKED TO SHOW MODERATION AND MAKE CONCESSIONS FOR A REASONABLE SETTLEMENT. I AM SORRY TO SAY THESE BLACKMAIL TACTICS ARE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND ARE, TO SOME DEGREE, RATHER SUCCESSFUL. THE RESUMPTION OF AMERICAN MILITARY AID TO TURKEY IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE. MANY HOPES WERE PUT ON LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO; BUT NO POSITIVE RESULTS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED UP TO NOW."

4. GOING ON FROM THIS CHARACTERIZATION OF TURKEY'S ATTITUDE, MAKARIOS DESCRIBED HIS OWN: "WE DO NOT OPPOSE NEGOTIATIONS AS (THEY ARE) THE BEST AVAILABLE PROCEDURE FOR REACHING AN AGREEMENT." HE THEN ECHOED THEME BEING HEARD REPEATEDLY IN GREEK CYPRUS BY SAYING "WE ARE NOT PREPARED, HOWEVER, TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS WE ARE CONVEINCED THAT THEY WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL AND MEANINGFUL." IN SOMEWHAT NEW TWIST MAKARIOS DID NOT CALL SPECIFICALLY FOR PRIOR TABLING OF TURKISH NEGOTIATION POSITIONS, BUT SAID " NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE MEANINGFUL IF TURKEY DECLARES SHE IS PREPARED TO COMPLY WITH RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED LAST YEAR BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL....."

5. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS NOVEMBER 5 PRAISES MAKARIOS' STAND ON RESUMPTION OF TALKS. (ONLY EXCEPTION IS SAMPSON'S MAKHI, WHICH SIMPLY IGNORES THE OCCASION.) IN TYPICAL COMMENT, PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS SAYS: "IN TWO WORDS, HIS BEATITUDE DOES NOT WANT AND DOES NOT ACCEPT TALKS FOR SAKE OF TALKS, BUT TALKS FOR A SOLUTION. AND THIS MEANS THE EXPRESS OF CONCRETE REASONABLE ACTIONS ON PART OF TURKEY." PRO-CLERIDES' AGHON REITERATES MAKARIOS' POSITION: "IF THE TURKISH SIDE IS SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN AN EARLY AND JUST SOLUTION OF CYPRUS QUESTION, SHE MUST
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OFFER SATISFACTORY INDICATIONS WHICH WILL SHOW THAT NEW TALKS...WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL AND HOPEFUL." BOTH PAPERS GO ON TO SAY TURKISH AIM APPEARS BE TO NEGATE GOC RECOURSE TO UNGA.
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